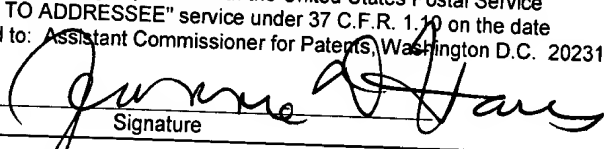




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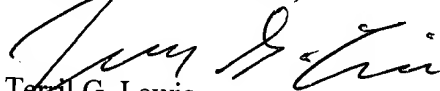
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered and made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner initial the spaces on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 to evidence the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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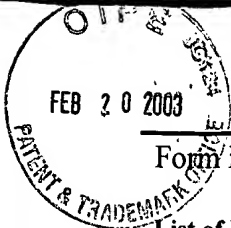
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